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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

AUSTBO ET AL.

Examiner

Kenn Thompson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 17 February 2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Calhoun et al., U.S. 2,567,009.

Regarding claim 1, Calhoun discloses in figures 1-7 a coiled tubing injector apparatus comprising: a base (15); first and second carriages (47,48) extending upwardly from the base, wherein each carriage has first and second outer plates (52,44); and a gripper chain system (90,91) mounted to the first and second outer plates of each carriage, wherein the gripper chain system comprises: a pair of spaced gripper chain drive sprockets (59-62) mounted on a drive sprocket shaft for supporting a gripper chain, wherein the gripper chain is adapted to engage coiled tubing, and the drive sprocket shaft has a centerline corresponding to an axis of rotation of the drive sprockets; and a pair of spaced idler sprockets (69-72) mounted on an idler sprocket shaft positioned below the gripper chain drive sprockets for supporting the gripper chain, wherein the idler sprocket shaft has a centerline corresponding to an axis of rotation of the idler sprockets, and the centerlines of the drive sprocket shaft and the idler sprocket shaft have a first distance therebetween at first ends of the drive sprocket shaft and idler sprocket shaft and a second distance therebetween at second ends of the drive sprocket shaft and idler sprocket shaft; wherein: the first and second distances are initially substantially identical so that the

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centerlines of the drive sprocket shaft and the idler sprocket shaft are parallel; the initial substantially identical first and second distances may be established by noting the position of the first and second ends of the idler sprocket shaft relative to witness marks (85,86) on the first and second outer plates; and the position of the first and second ends of the idler sprocket shaft can be adjusted to maintain a parallel relationship between the centerlines of the drive sprocket shaft and the idler sprocket shaft if the position of the first or second end of the idler sprocket shaft moves during operation.

As to claim 6, Calhoun discloses a wetting fluid basin (14,45) for holding a wetting fluid, wherein the wetting fluid basin is positioned below the gripper chains so that the coiled tubing passes through the wetting fluid basin.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-12 are allowed.

Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including the first and second carriages are movable laterally with respect to the base

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including relative movement between the sprocket shafts and the witness marks.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenn Thompson whose telephone number is 703 306-5760. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J Bagnell can be reached on 703 308-2151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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